National Highway Patrolling scheme in Maharashtra

1656. MISS SAROJ KHAPRDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced National Highway Patrolling scheme in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government is extending any assistance in implementing the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) The Government has introduced a National Highway Patrolling Scheme during the year 1993-94 on all India basis.

(b) During 1994-95 the Central Government have provided one time financial assistance of Rs. 25.00 lakh for purchase of one crane and one ambulance to the Government of Maharashtra for removal of damaged vehicles and for providing immediate medical assistance to the accident victims on the National Highways.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of Maharashtra have also introduced a "Highway Police" scheme. Under this scheme 26 main traffic aid posts and 36 help posts are functioning round the clock. Each unit has been provided with a car/jeep and two to four motor cycles fitted with wireless/walkie talkie sets. Besides, eight cranes and six ambulances have also been provided under this scheme.

Modernisation/Renovation of Mumbai and Jawahar Lal Nehru Ports in Maharashtra

1657. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise and renovate the Mumbai Port and Jawahar Lal Nehru Port in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds have been earmarked for the purpose for both the ports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how much cargo handling in likely to increase after modernisation of each of these ports?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The major projects proposed to be taken up for modernisation/renovation of Mumbai and Jawahar Lal Nehru Ports are as under:

Mumbai Port Trust:

(i) Replacement of submarine pipelines.

(ii) Modernisation of Marine Oil terminal (MOT) berths.

(iii) Construction of second liquid chemical/specialised grade of POL berth off new Pir Pau Pier.

(iv) Vessel Traffic management System (VTMS).

Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust (BOT projects):

(i) Construction of a new 2 berth container terminal.

(ii) Construction of marine chemical terminal.

(iii) Construction of liquid cargo berth.

(c) and (d) yes, Sir. In Annual Plan 1997-98, outlays of around Rs. 156.00 crores and 95.00 crores respectively have been provided for development proejcts of these two ports.

(e) At the end of 9th Plan, the capacity of Mumbai and Jawahar Lal Nehru Ports is likely to increase by 7.0 million tonnes and 6.5 million tonnes respectively.